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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Takayuki TOSHIMA et al.

Application No.: 10/036,787

Group Art Unit: 1763

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF

PROCESSING SURFACE OF SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, for which a response was due on March 23, 2004, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from March 23, 2004, to June 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

X There are no amendments to the specification. Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section. CLAIMS There are no amendments to the claims. X A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in

ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.